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**HISTORIC MILL  
BURNED DOWN**

**MILL AT FRANKS IS DESTROYED  
ALSO BARNs, STABLES AND  
CONSIDERABLE FEED.**

The mill at Franks, the barns and stables in the lot and part of the water flume were destroyed by fire this morning slightly after midnight. How the fire originated is not known but is thought to have been incendiary. The property was worth considerable money and belonged to P. A. Norris of Ada. A considerable amount of hay, corn and other feed were also burned. Several head of mules were scorched, but is thought they were not seriously damaged.

Clarence Clark, who has charge of the property, said that when discovered the fire was burning in two places, appearing to have been started that way. It was so far along that attempts to put it out were useless.

This old mill is one of the landmarks of Pontotoc county. It was built long ago when this was an Indian country and Ada was not. Franks at that time was a thriving village, located on one of the most famous streams in this part of the state. The big springs were the watering place for the Indians going from Fort Smith, Ark., to Ft. Sill, Okla., and other places in the west. The mill for a long time belonged to the late Frank Byrd.

**CANDIDATES OUSTED  
FROM STATE COUNCIL**

Oklahoma City, April 25.—Men who announce as candidates for county or state offices automatically will cease to be members of county or state defense councils, it was announced yesterday by Chester H. Westfall, assistant secretary of the state council.

A number of members of county councils of defense already have announced themselves as candidates for office and had had their names stricken from the executive committee. The action has been taken so as to keep politics entirely away from the work of the councils, Westfall said.

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## GERMAN ONSLAUGHS GAIN VERY LITTLE GROUND TODAY

**ALLIES EFFECTIVELY BLOCK ROAD OF HUN  
ARMIES IN NEW DRIVE TOWARDS AMIENS**

(By the Associated Press)

American, British and French troops, on a twenty mile front in Picardy, are withstanding renewed German efforts to reach Amiens. Having forced the British from Villers-Bretonneux, south of the Somme and eleven miles east of Amiens, the enemy is facing the British on hill positions west and northwest of the village. American and French troops on the line from Hangard-En-Santerre to south of Castel, are holding the Germans well in check. The only progress made by the enemy here has been the capture of Hangard village. South of the Somme the Germans were hurled back by the British while north of the Somme attacks near the river and north of Albert were repulsed. There has been an increase also in the Flanders fighting. A German attack east of Rebecq was repulsed while the British made small gains west of Merville, and around Meteren.

**FEW AMERICANS KILLED  
IN RECENT BATTLE**

**GETTING SUGAR FOR  
CANNING PURPOSES**

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, April 25.—The number of Americans killed in action in the German attack on April 20 near Seicheprey was less than twelve and the number injured about twenty. These figures, made known today appear to give support to the German claim of taking 300 American prisoners since the previous announcement admitted American casualties as about 200.

**BRITISH LOSS OF  
GUNS IS HEAVY**

**REGISTERED MEN MAY  
VOLUNTEER FOR NAVY**

Kansas City, Mo., April 24.—Men registered for selective service are offered the opportunity of enlisting in the navy any time prior to time they are listed for induction into military service by the Local Boards, according to a ruling announced today by the Navy Recruiting Service for the Kansas City District.

Registered men desirous of volunteering for Naval Service are instructed to appear before their Local Boards and procure certificates stating that they have not been called for draft service or that they are not needed for any quota then ordered. Upon presentation of this certificate men will be enlisted in the navy.

Local Boards in the Kansas City District are urging all Class One men to investigate the navy immediately and announce their choice of service in order that accurate computation may be made of the number of men remaining for army service.

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**BIG STEAMSHIP  
TURNS TURTLE**

**Theaters**

(By the Associated Press)

An Atlantic Port, April 25.—The American line steamship St. Paul recently brought from drydock, was overturned at her pier here today. It is supposed the sea cockers were left open. So far no one is reported injured. Military authorities have taken charge.

**AGREEMENT REACHED  
ON WOOL PRICE**

**LIBERTY**

Washington, April 25.—Wool growers in conference here with the Marine Industries Board agreed to turn over the entire wool output of the country at prices prevailing for washed wool July 30 last. The government will distribute all wool not required for the army and navy to dealers for civilian use.

**MAJESTIC.**

"The Apple-Tree Girl," a five reel production from the Edison Studios, featuring Shirley Mason and Ray McKee, will be shown at the Majestic theater tonight. This is a story full of action, love interest and humor. Shirley Mason is, as always, versatile and charming and Ray McKee ably supports her throughout the play.

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**SIX MEN KILLED IN  
COLLISION ON BURLINGTON**

**SHOCKS IN CALIFORNIA**

Bayard, Neb., April 25.—Six men were killed in a collision between a Burlington fast freight and work train in Bayard outskirts yesterday during snow storm.

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**LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S BROTHER  
RESIGNS FROM CABINET**

**49 on Casualty List.**

London, April 25.—Lord Rothmore, Lord Northcliffe's brother, has resigned from the office of secretary of state for air forces according to announcement.

Washington, April 25.—Today's casualty list contained forty-nine names divided as follows: Killed in action two, died of wounds six, died of accident four, died of disease seven, died of other causes one, wounded severely five, wounded slightly twenty-four.

The highest military title in the United States army is general. This is held by John J. Pershing and Tasker H. Bliss.

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If Germany were to drive the British army from the continent, annihilate the French army, and push off the Americans into the sea, she still could not win, because she can never destroy the soul of these three countries. This thought was given a few days ago in Oklahoma City by a prominent Frenchman. A determined people like this cannot be defeated, especially when they know that they are fighting for the right.

Sacrifices must be made. Revolutionary measures are necessary. Already the fuel administration has curtailed the output of brick and clay tile manufacturing plants. Other industries may come in the same class before long. Some people will suffer of course, but we should all remember that war means suffering, not only physically but financially and mentally as well. We must smile even if our business has to go a-glimmering.

The Germans are face to face with the problem of evacuating the Amiens sector or widening it out and consolidating the positions. With the lines as they are at present, the Germans can be attacked from the north by the British and from the south by the French, and at the same time hampered by the French, British and Americans on the west. Such a position is impossible for a great length of time. Hindenburg must gain more territory or he must give up that which he has already won.

Beginning May 20, a drive for more funds for the American Red Cross will begin. J. M. Wintersmith, a great organizer and a hard worker, will lead the forces of the county. Ralph R. Cain, who led the Christmas membership campaign in this county, is now district manager, having in charge several counties in this part of the state. With these two men in charge here, it is a foregone conclusion that Pontotoc will go over. But that does not mean that these men will be wholly responsible for the success of the drive. Every man, woman and child in the county is now a great believer in the Red Cross and wants to do what he can for the cause.

Poor old Ireland! We once pitied her. Now we look on her with disgust. For years the Irish have insisted they were for liberty and freedom. Now when the liberty and freedom of the world are at stake, we see the Irish pouting and pulling back and offering to stab England in the back. If Ireland is not willing to get into this war and fight, she belongs in Europe with Germany and the other misguided mortals. She wants home rule, and home rule is offered to her. She now refuses to accept that because it carries with it an obligation to help free the world of the German beast. Ireland has many grievances against Great Britain, but should not be too hasty now.

The German drive has started again and the objective seems to be Amiens. If the Germans three weeks ago could have captured this city the fall would have been a severe blow.

to the Allies. It would probably have meant the separation of the French and British armies and perhaps the turning back of the British upon the channel ports. But now no such result would be the case. The armies have been enabled to make their lines of communication such that the giving up of Amiens would only be the loss of another city. We do not say that Amiens will fall, and it is entirely possible that it will not. But what would have been a calamity three weeks ago would now be only a loss of a bit of territory.

### A NIGHT ON THE AVIATION FIELD

With the British Armies in France March 20. (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—"In the early part of the night before the mist set in our night-flying squadron dropped five tons of bombs on two hostile aerodromes."—Official Communiqué.

A most prosaic statement and one from which the average reader would fail to get much thrill. "Our night flying squadrons dropped five tons of bombs." A mere commonplace; an incident in the daily routine. So far as color goes it might have read: "Our motor transport brought up five tons of biscuits."

And yet behind that brief announcement, shorn of all heroics, and behind every similar announcement lies a wealth of supreme daring, of dangers, seen and unseen, of hairbreadth escapes and nerve-racking episodes.

The correspondent of The Associated Press witnessed the start and the return of the airmen who "dropped five tons of bombs," and the story of this very ordinary night may serve to give the reader some idea of the daily life of the airmen who, as it were, continually battles with the many hands of war ready to drag him down.

We arrived at a great British aerodrome just as the evening shades were falling and the mechanics were making their final inspection of the huge bombing machines which shortly were to wheel their way across the fighting lines with their freight of explosives. Some day flyers were returning from their trips, winging their way straight and true towards the aerodrome from all directions like mighty homing pigeons. A few pilots were circling in picturesquesque curves above the grounds, and occasionally swooping down in lightning charges towards stationary targets while their machine guns spat a steady stream of livid fire to the accompaniment of that wicked staccato chatter which spells one of the greatest terrors of the front.

The night flyers were to go out as soon as darkness had settled, and we found them all in the mess hall over their early dinners. Twelve machines were to engage in the raid in hand, which meant that twenty-four of these clean-cut boys would soon be risking their lives over the inhospitable zone where the Germans watch and wait for the appearance of enemy ending no one could prophesy.

Gradually the blinking eyes of the planes disappeared, and we stood and counted the minutes as we strained our eyes towards the battle lines where the flights would cross. Suddenly a stream of balls of fire began to mount high into the air over the trenches. The airmen had reached the land of hate, and their punishment began in earnest.

The deluge continued, and the shrapnel flashed in ever increasing numbers. German searchlights went peering through the clouds, and we learned later that one ray rested squarely on a British plane. It was a heartbreaking moment for the pilot and observer. Their chances were small, but the light moved on and upward and the plane was again enveloped in darkness.

All the planes but one were across the line at last. The one machine came wheeling back, flashing its personal signal as it felt its way towards home. A signal from the ground answered and the plane circled slowly down and came bobbing across the field. Engine trouble had forced a return, but there had been no accident.

It negated the hour for the other planes to be coming back. The squadron commander was pacing up and down the field like a caged tiger.

His nerves were strained almost to the breaking point, and he made no effort to cancel it. His boys, the lads whom he loved like a brother, were out there over the boche guns. He himself had spent many bitter days and nights in a fighting plane, and he knew the hell the flight was going through at the moment. And so he stamped about unhappily, with his peering eyes ever on the eastern horizon, watching for the twin stars which would herald the return of at least one of the wanderers.

Finally a set of lights appeared and swung swiftly towards the west. "Dash, dot, dash, dash—" went the code.

"It's Brown and Little," sighed the commander, and he was off post haste toward the landing place. The machine circled and perched.

"That you Brown?" the commander demanded anxiously. "Everything all right?"

He didn't ask whether they had reached their objective, or whether they had dropped their bombs. Were his boys all right?

"Brown and Little, are all right, sir," came the reply.

Ten times more the same thing happened, the planes sometimes arriving in groups. One pilot and his observer were still out. We waited a long time and they did not appear. The commander took himself off to be alone, and the other officers whispered quietly among themselves. There was tragedy in the air. Two of the finest men in the service were still unaccounted for.

Meantime this pilot and observer were struggling to win a hundred-to-one chance against them with death as the penalty for failure. Out over the German lines their engine went dead while they were at a height of perhaps four thousand feet. They dropped a thousand feet and then the pilot got his engine working again spasmodically. Up they crawled to their former altitude with their nose towards home, and then the engine gave a final gasp and died.

All the probabilities were that they would crash and be smashed to pieces. There was only one thing which could possibly prevent it, and that was an iron nerve in the pilot's box. He coolly started to coast westwards. On he came until his signal lights showed clearly to the watchers in the aerodrome. It was like the flight of a phantom machine, with its soundless engine. The pilot got near the aerodrome and then hesitated. He was lost and was coming down rapidly. He signalled wildly and a score of answering lights flashed back.

It was dark. A place crescent moon

struggled bravely but ineffectively to clear away the gloom below. Strange, shadowy figures were flitting noiselessly over the grounds, and against the skyline could be seen the blots

## Benefit Concert

Miss Lillie Lawson, a talented reader, will give a concert at the Christian church under the auspices of the XX Century Housewives League, Friday, April 26th, at 8 P. M. Miss Lawson is defraying her expenses at our State University by giving readings and has charmed and entertained many audiences the past winter. Give the helping hand by attending this concert, to a deserving young woman, who is seeking a higher education. Miss Lawson will be assisted by Miss McRuer, a whistler of unusual attainments

Admission . 25c

He swerved and came swooping down into the aerodrome, saved by a few yards.

The men were all back and we went to the commander's office to hear them give their reports. They entered in twos and threes, their helmets pushed back, but still wearing their bulky garments that made them look like Arctic explorers, or "teddybears." But what a change in their demeanor. They were no longer the laughing, jesting crowd of two hours before. They were pale and haggard, and their eyes were strained and brilliant. No need for them to say what they had been through. Their faces told the story.

One by one they told briefly what they had done. They had, or they had not reached their objective. The Hun hate? Very bad, indeed, but not a subject for discussion. Their reports were taken and they moved quietly away. They wanted to be alone.

The Bostonian paused for a moment by the Associated Press correspondent. The big youth still wore a smile, but he was subdued. The "chauffeur" had had a hard trip that night. He pulled out his pipe and filled it reflectively.

This business of bombing is all habit," he remarked philosophically, as he crammed the tobacco down. "The British army has a habit of sending us out, and we have a habit of going and bombing the Hun. All a habit, just like smoking, though perhaps not quite so pleasant."

We shook hands and he went away to his billet, his great frame completely filled the office door as he stepped out.

At the Target Range; the Barrage. At their posts they are, at their posts they are, Silent as a summer bower, Waiting for the order to fire, At the tense zero hour.

On the summit the big guns are, Giant dogs of war, Ready to bite with all their might At the foe that is afar.

While down below in sinister sinuous row The sunshine guns lie in wait, Ready to throw at the zero hour Their venomous volume of hate.

The keen-eyed gunner his target can not see, But to him its all the same, Well does he know where the shots will go

For he holds to the auxiliary aim.

Not a twig moves on the long hill-side, The gunner holds his breath, Soon the big guns will flash, pound and smash, And into the fray will come a spray From the direful "Hose of Death."

They're at their posts, silent as ghosts, Quite things will hum; Look! the gunner's eye brightens as the silence tightens.

The zero hour has come.

From the hills in a row and the valley's below, Which April's green grandly graces, Shoots a thousand tongues of flame with deadly aim,

As hell bursts loose in a thousand places, In the rear the big guns bark and roar,

The machine guns tremble and rave, Warnings to the tyrant who hopes to rule,

"O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

—Eugene Atkison, Co. D, 344 M. G. B., Camp Travis.

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## A Case of Good Judgment

### WORSTELL.

We are having fine cotton planting weather now. Most everybody is planting cotton.

Quite a lot of sickness in this part of the district. Most everybody had got up within measles now.

Our council of defense met Tuesday night. A large crowd was present. Had two speakers, Mr. Waldby from Bebee and another speaker from Ada.

Our school closed Friday. Had a small program for the evening.

Brother Wills of Bebee will preach at Worstell Sunday. Everybody come out to preaching. Singing every Sunday evening.

Miss Lillie Walls was visiting Miss Maude Meadow Sunday.

Mr. Crow was visiting his son, Charley Crow and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Walls was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hatcher were visiting their ohm place on the river Sunday.

Miss Lucy Walls was visiting the weekend with Mrs. Hatcher of Ada.

RED WING.

### SUNSHINE.

Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield went to Ada one day last week.

Mrs. Sarah Blake went to Roff Sunday, to meet her son, G. Franklin Blake from Camp Bowie, who was on his way to Muse to attend to some business affairs.

Arch Pettigrew has been visiting his mother for a few days, but has returned to Camps.

Mr. Leslie Hewitt and Annie Vanzant were married Sunday at the home of the bride. Leslie is a good farmer, an honorable citizen, secretary of our singing class, a man of sterling worth and we wish him joy.

Tince Crisp, president of the Council of Defense at Onward, was in our community on business this week.

Q. F. Hooks made a business trip to Ada Monday.

George Pitt and H. E. Linsley visited Blue Mound community Sunday, where Mr. Pitt was making some pictures.

The children of W. H. Brents, county commissioner are sick with measles.

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## MORE MEN WANTED FOR U. S. NAVY

The following letter to O. N. Walker, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Ada, is in receipt of the following self-explanatory letter:  
Oklahoma City, April 16, 1918.  
Gentlemen:

The United States navy has opened a drive for men to enroll in the naval coast defense reserve force, for general service. Enrollment in this branch of the service will give those men who are not quite up to the required standard for the regular navy a chance to get in military service. After enrollment in the reserve, a man is on the same status that anyone in the regular service is during time of war. During time of peace, they revert to their former status, that of any other civilian in the United States, as reserve men are on active duty during time of war or national emergency when they may be called out by the president. The term of enrollment is four years. In short, men of the Reserve are the National guard of the United States navy.

The pay of the branch of the service is the same as the regular navy for the different ratings, plus the annual retainer pay allowed by law, which amounts to \$1.00 per month. This retain pay continues for the full term of enrollment.

Enrolments are open as apprentices seamen, firemen 2nd class, firemen 3rd class, machinist mates 2nd class carpenters mates 3rd class, and 2nd class, ship fitters, plumbers and fitters, landmen for cooks and bakers, and also musicians. The opportunity in the Reserve at this particular time is equal and in many cases better than in the regular service for promotion both in the enlisted and officer personnel.

All Chambers of Commerce in the State of Oklahoma, to whom these letters are sent, are requested to give the utmost publicity to these letters possible, thus fulfilling a patriotic duty to the United States and at the same time helping those men in your community who are not qualified for regular service to enroll in the reserve and serve their country.

All postmasters, to whom these letters are also sent are requested to follow the above paragraph in doing their work. The law governing the payment of gratuity to postmasters for recruits to the navy, is not applicable in the case of men secured for the reserve, but as you are government employees it is to be hoped that they will give their best efforts in this work as they did in the great drive made when war was declared, when all postmasters in the state did their share.

Very truly,  
C. P. VANDERBECK,  
Lieutenant U. S. Navy (Ret) Recruiting Officer, Oklahoma City.

**FITZHUGH**  
Kid Hattox and family of Frederick, Okla., are visiting his brother, Wes Hattox, this week.

Henry Bibb, our candidate for County Commissioner of the third district, will within the next few days, start his campaign by visiting every voter in the district.

Oats in this community are looking fine.

Our school will be out next Thursday.

Corn is up and a good stand.

Farmers around here are arranging to plant a large acreage of cotton.

We are proud of the road recently built at Lawrence depot. Our citizens are in the near future going to build the road from top of Chimney Hill to intersect with the road recently repaired.

Wes Hattox, our telephone manager, is having his lines and switchboard repaired. We do hope he will put it in good serviceable condition, for we need a good telephone system so bad.

Dr. Overton and Jess Estes are afraid of storms and have undertaken to dig them a storm cellar. The cellar was commenced April 20th, and up to this date it is down three feet.

We are inclined to believe they are digging it for the spring of 1919.

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King Rene's Daughter.

"King Rene's Daughter" is a secular cantata of most charming qualities, for women's voices. It is to be presented next Tuesday night in the normal auditorium by Miss Keller's chorus girls assisted by some of the finest local talent, in the special parts.

Recitatives and arias are to be sung by Miss Mentzer, Miss Ringer and Mrs. Morrison.

We would call special attention to the fact that all proceeds go to the entertainment unit of the Red Cross work at the front in France.

In Sunday's Oklahoma Gen. Pershing says that after strenuous trench work the English soldier can return to "Blighty," the French soldier can go home, but the American soldier has no where to go unless his country furnishes him musical and theatrical entertainments and the like.

The giving of the proceeds from the presentation of "King Rene's Daughter" is another attempt to help the Red Cross furnish our boys with entertainment that they may not feel like "exiles in a foreign land."

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The 27th

Our new store will be more commodious and will offer our customers more comforts and conveniences. We invite an early visit.

Our Stock of Footwear expresses the Last Word in both Style and Quality.

## Want Ads

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Waitresses. Apply in person—Mrs. Land's Lunch Room. 4-25-14

STRAYED—Pair of young mules, one a black horse mule, white nose, other a dark brown mare mule. Fresh roached. Notify J. A. Elliott, Steedman. Reward. 4-25-14

FOR SALE—220-egg Imperial incubator used one season. Good as new and a splendid machine. 190 egg Old Trusty. 75 egg Safety Hatch.

One roll of old and one roll of new wire cheap. 30 full blood Rhode Island Red hens. Call at Texas Wagon Yard for particulars. 4-25-14

FOR RENT—Rooms for light house-keeping. 211 West 14th. 4-25-14

### JUDGES REMINDED OF INTERESTS OF SOLDIERS

Oklahoma City, April 25.—Governor Williams yesterday called the attention of all county, district and superior judges of the state to an act of congress approved March 8 which provides maratorium benefits in favor of soldiers and sailors.

Proceedings in which members of the military and naval forces are interested may be continued through the act and eviction or distress against such persons or their families except under certain provisions is prohibited. The act provides that no judgment by default shall be entered in any case until the plaintiff shall have filed an affidavit showing whether or not the defendant is in military service and establishes certain safeguards where the military status of the defendant is known.

Land and property owned by a soldier or sailor may not be sold for taxes while the owner is in the service under provisions of the bill.

Snappy line of shoes at Burk's. 4-25-14

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Reported by Ada Title & Trust Co.

#### WARRANTY DEEDS.

Dollie Laurence to C. C. Nail, \$285; lots 3-4, blk. 2, West Side add. to Ada.

Allen Townsite Co. to R. C. Hatch-er \$250; lots 4-6-8-10 and 12, blk. 15.

#### OIL & GAS LEASE.

Frank S. Merriman to Cache O. & G. Co., ne se \$2 se, ne ne \$2 ne ne

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#### ASSIGN. O. & G. LEASE.

E. D. Gillette to M. M. Benedict et al; w2 ne, n2 nw se sec. 29, 5n 7e.

### "Over the Top"

By An American Soldier  
Who Went

ARTHUR GUY ENPEY  
Machine Gunner Serving in France

Copyright, 1917, by Arthur Guy Enpey

### CHAPTER XVIII.

#### Staged Under Fire.

Three days after the incident just related our company was relieved from the front line and carried. We stayed in reserve billets for about two weeks when we received the welcome news that our division would go back of the line "to rest billets." We would remain in these billets for at least two months, this in order to be restored to our full strength by drafts of recruits from Blighty.

Everyone was happy and contented at these tidings; all you could hear around the billets was whistling and singing. The day after the receipt of the order we hiked for five days, making an average of about twelve kilometers per day until we arrived at the small town of O'.

It took us about three days to get settled, and from then on our cushy time started. We would parade from 8:45 in the morning until 12 noon. Then except for an occasional billet or brigade guard we were on our own. For the first four or five afternoons I spent my time in bringing up to date my neglected correspondence.

Tommy loves to be amused, and being a Yank, they turned to me for something new in this line. I taught them how to pitch horseshoes, and this game made a great hit for about ten days. Then Tommy turned to America for a new diversion. I was up in the air until a happy thought came to me. Why not write a sketch and break Tommy in as an actor?

One evening after "lights out," when you are not supposed to talk, I imparted my scheme in whispers to the section. They eagerly accepted the idea of forming a stock company and

could hardly wait until the morning for further details.

After parade, the next afternoon I was almost mobbed. Everyone in the section wanted a part in the proposed sketch. When I informed them that it would take at least ten days of hard work to write the plot, they were bitterly disappointed. I immediately got busy, made a desk out of biscuits tins in the corner of the billet, and put up a sign "Empy & Wallace Theatrical Co." About twenty of the section, upon reading this sign, immediately applied for the position of office boy. I accepted the twenty applicants, and sent them on scouting parties throughout the deserted French village. These parties were to search all the attics for discarded civilian clothes, and anything that we could use in the props of our proposed company.

About five that night they returned covered with grime and dust, but loaded down with a miscellaneous assortment of everything under the sun. They must have thought that I was going to start a department store, judging from the different things they brought back from their village.

After eight days' constant writing I completed a two-act farce comedy which I called "The Diamond Palace Saloon." Upon the suggestion of one of the boys in the section I sent a proof of the program to a printing house in London. Then I assigned the different parts and started rehearsing. David Belasco would have thrown up his hands in despair at the material which I had to use. Just imagine trying to teach a Tommy, with a strong cockney accent, to impersonate a Bowery tough, or a Southern negro.

Adjacent to our billet was an open field. We got busy at one end of it and constructed a stage. We secured the lumber for the stage by demolishing an old wooden shack in the rear of our billet.

The first scene was supposed to represent a street on the Bowery in New York, while the scene of the second act was the interior of the Diamond Palace saloon, also on the Bowery. In the play I took the part of Abe Switch, a farmer, who had come from Pumpkinville Center, Tenn., to make his first visit to New York.

In the first scene Abe Switch meets the proprietor of the Diamond Palace saloon, a rumsack affair which to the owner was a financial loss. The proprietor's name was Tom Twistem, his bartender being named Fillem Up.

After meeting Abe, Tom and Fillem Up persuaded him to buy the place, praising it to the skies and telling wondrous tales of the money taken over the bar.

While they are talking an old Jew named Ikey Cohenstein comes along, and Abe engages him for cashier. After engaging Ikey they meet an old Southern negro called Sambo, and upon the suggestion of Ikey he is engaged as porter. Then the three of

them, arm in arm, leave to take possession of this wonderful palace which Abe has just paid \$6,000 for. (Curtain.)

In the second act the curtain rises on the interior of the Diamond Palace saloon, and the audience gets its first shock. The saloon looks like a pen-shock. Two tramps lying drunk on the floor, and the bartender in a dirty shirt with his sleeves rolled up, asleep with his head on the bar.

Enter Abe, Sambo and Ikey, and the fun commences.

One of the characters in the second act was named Broadway Kate, and I had an awful job to break in one of the Tommies to act and talk like a woman.

Another character was Alkali Ike, an Arizona cowboy, who just before the close of the play comes into the saloon and wrecks it with his revolver.

We had eleven three-hour rehearsals before I thought it advisable to present the sketch to the public.

The whole brigade was crazy to witness the first performance. This performance was scheduled for Friday night and everyone was full of anticipation; when bang! orders came through that the brigade would move at two that afternoon. Cursing and blinding was the order of the day upon the receipt of this order, but we moved.

That night we reached the little village of S\_\_\_\_ and again went into rest billets. We were to be there two weeks. Our company immediately got busy and scoured the village for a suitable place in which to present our production. Then we received another shock.

A rival company was already established in the village. They called

themselves "The Bow Bells," and put on a sketch entitled, "Blighty—What Hopes?" They were the divisional concert party.

We hoped they all would be soon in Blighty to give us a chance.

This company charged an admission of a franc per head, and that night our company went en masse to see their performance. It really was good. I had a sinking sensation when I thought of running my sketch in opposition to it.

In one of their scenes they had a soubrette called Flossie. The soldier that took this part was clever and made a fine-appearing and chic girl. We immediately fell in love with her until two days after, while we were on a march, we passed Flossie with "her" sleeves rolled up and the sweat pouring from "her" face unloading shells from a motor lorry.

As our section passed her I yelled out: "Hello, Flossie; Blighty—What Hopes?" Her reply made our love die out instantly.

"Ah, go to h—l!"

This brought quite a laugh from the marching column directed at me, and I instantly made up my mind that our sketch should immediately run in opposition to "Blighty—What Hopes?"

When we returned to our billet from the march, Curley Wallace, my theatrical partner, came running over to me and said he had found a swanky place in which to produce our show.

After taking off my equipment, and followed by the rest of the section, I went over to the building he had picked out. It was a monstrous barn with a platform at one end which would make an ideal stage. The section got right on the job, and before night had that place rigged out in apple-pie order.

The next day was Sunday and after church parade we put all our time on a dress rehearsal, and it went fine.

I made four or five large signs announcing that our company would open up that evening at the King George the Fifth theater, on the corner of Ammo street and Sandbag terrace. General admission was one-half franc. First ten rows in orchestra one franc, and boxes two francs. By this time our printed programs had returned from London, and I further announced that on the night of the first performance a program would be given free of charge to men holding tickets costing a franc or over.

We had an orchestra of seven men and seven different instruments. This orchestra was excellent, while they were not playing.

The performance was scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

At 5:15 there was a mob in front of our one entrance and it looked like a big night. We had two boxes each accommodating four people, and these we immediately sold out. Then a brilliant idea came to Ikey Cohenstein. Why not use the rafters overhead, call them boxes, and charge two francs for a seat on them? The only difficulty

was how were the men to reach these boxes, but to Ikey this was a mere detail.

He got long ropes and tied one end around each rafter and then tied a lot of knots in the ropes. These ropes would take the place of stairways.

We figured out that the rafters would seat about forty men and sold that number of tickets accordingly.

When the ticketholders for the boxes got a glimpse of the rafters and were informed that they had to use the rope stairway, there was a howl of indignation, but we had their money and told them that if they did not like it they could write to the management later and their money would be refunded; but under these conditions they would not be allowed to witness the performance that night.

After a little grumbling they accepted the situation with the promise that if the show was rotten they certainly would let us know about it during the performance.

Everything went lovely and it was a howling success, until Alkali Ike appeared on the scene with his revolver loaded with blank cartridges. Behind the bar on a shelf was a long line of bottles. Alkali Ike was supposed to start on the left of this line and break six of the bottles by firing at them with his revolver. Behind these bottles a piece of painted canvas was supposed to represent the back of the bar, at each shot from Alkali's pistol a man behind the scenes would hit one of the bottles with his entrenching tool handle and smash it, to give the impression that Alkali was a good shot.

Alkali Ike started in and aimed at the right of the line of bottles instead of the left, and the poor boob behind the scenes started breaking the bottles

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AT THE BIG  
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Will Present  
The Four Act Crook Comedy  
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"GOING STRAIGHT"  
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PRICES 10 AND 25c  
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**Silks  
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Are what you need at the present time.

We have the Crepe de Chine in all colors.

Our new arrivals in Silks are the prettiest that can be found in the markets.

Our Foulards were quite a while coming but they are here now. The patterns are the classiest that we could find.

Come in and let us show them to you.

**MOSER'S  
Dept. Store  
112 E. Main St.**

Windy City.  
Somewhere in France convenient to Hill 13.

The home of the Hairtrigger 13th Engineers (The Lucky 13th) Population, including rats, rabbits, and 3 dogs, 7000.

Well paved street.

Water (plain, fancy, river and rain)

Police department and sanitary jail.

Convenient cemetery and commodious morgue.

Sever without system.

Free transportation to the front.

None to Paris.

Attractive forest of 6 beautiful trees and one bush, covered with leaves of absence, with and without permission.

Unparalleled mud baths.

Magnificent view of R. R. yards and water tank.

Amusements all free.

Rat hunting contests.

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Music (trench) at all hours.

Desirable building sites for sale on allotment plan.

Individual lots 6'x2'x6' for permanent abode. Furnished free.

Choise bungalows for rent, with all the modern conveniences except water, light, heat, floors and bathroom.

Large knotholes provided for rain drops. Ventilation unexcelled.

Hospital on grounds—a pill for every ill.

If you wish to live where things are pretty,

Just make your home in the Windy City."

For particulars apply to H. F. Dodson, The C. O., 13th Engrs. (Ry.)

The writer of the above is the son of Charley Dodson, who lives two miles west of Ada, and who is doing what he can to help win the war by buying liberally of Liberty Bonds and contributing to war causes besides raising all he can to feed the nation and allies.

H. R. Snyder left this afternoon for his home at Petersburg, Indiana.

Mr. Snyder has for the past few years had a longing to become a citizen of Ada and says that hopes to realize this ambition within the next few months. He likes the hustling spirit that prevails here.

Paul Alderson, who has been at Camp Travis for several months, and also in the officers' training camp, is expected home this afternoon on a furlough, the first he has had since entering the service.

University Wins in Three Debates.

Norman, Okla., April 25.—(Special)—The University of Oklahoma won three of five intercollegiate debates held in the season just closed. In the last two contests, the Sooners won from the University of Texas but lost to the University of Missouri. Previously the University had defeated the University of Colorado and Tulane University and lost to the University of Kansas.

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